

What is claimed is:

1. A plant package comprising a floral grouping disposed within a tubular sleeve, the plant package produced by the method comprising:

providing a tubular sleeve having a flattened condition, the tubular sleeve comprising:

a body having a lower end closed by heat sealing, an outer peripheral surface without preformed score lines or folds, and an inner peripheral surface surrounding an inner retaining space,

a tab having a connected end connected to the body and a free end connectable to a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the body; and

a bonding material for bondingly connecting the free end of the tab to a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the body;

opening the flattened tubular sleeve exposing the inner retaining space of the body;

disposing a floral grouping into the inner retaining space of the body of the tubular sleeve; and

securing the tubular sleeve about the floral grouping by connecting the free end of the tab to a portion of the outer peripheral

surface of the body of the tubular sleeve via the bonding material.

2. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mils.

3. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mils.

4. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 1 mil to about 5 mils.

5. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations or combinations thereof.

6. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as comprising apertures in an upper end thereof for supporting the tubular sleeve upon a wicket.

7. The plant package of claim 1 wherein a closure bonding material is disposed upon a closure flap near an upper end of the tubular sleeve.

8. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the bonding material is an adhesive or cohesive bonding material.

9. The plant package of claim 1 wherein in the tubular sleeve, the bonding material is disposed on the tab.

10. The plant package of claim 1 wherein in the tubular sleeve, the bonding material is disposed upon the outer peripheral surface of the body of the tubular sleeve.

11. The plant package of claim 9 wherein a release material is disposed upon the bonding material.

12. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the bonding material is disposed upon the tab and upon a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the body of the tubular sleeve.

13. The plant package of claim 1 wherein the tubular sleeve comprises a second tab connected to a portion of the body, the second tab having a free end connectable to another portion of the body.

14. A plant package comprising a floral grouping disposed within a tubular sleeve, the plant package produced by the method comprising:

- providing a tubular sleeve having a flattened condition, the tubular sleeve comprising:
  - a body having a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, and an inner peripheral surface surrounding an inner retaining space,
  - an upper portion extending beyond the body and detachable therefrom via detaching element,
  - a tab having a connected end connected to the body and a free end connectable to a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the body, and
  - a bonding material for bondingly connecting the free end of the tab to a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the body;
- opening the flattened tubular sleeve exposing the inner retaining space of the body thereof;
- disposing a floral grouping into the inner retaining space of the body of the tubular sleeve; and
- securing the tubular sleeve about the floral grouping by connecting the free end of the tab to a portion of the outer peripheral

surface of the body of the tubular sleeve via the bonding material.

15. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mils.

16. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 0.5 mil to about 10 mils.

17. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material having a thickness in a range of from about 1 mil to about 5 mils.

18. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the tubular sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, cellophane, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations or combinations thereof.

19. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the tubular sleeve further comprises apertures for supporting the tubular sleeve upon a wicket.

20. The plant package of claim 14 wherein a closure bonding material is disposed upon a closure flap near an upper end of the tubular sleeve.

21. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the bonding material on the tubular sleeve is an adhesive or cohesive bonding material.

22. The plant package of claim 14 wherein in the tubular sleeve, the bonding material is disposed on the tab.

23. The plant package of claim 14 wherein in the tubular sleeve, the bonding material is disposed upon the outer peripheral surface of the body of the tubular sleeve.

24. The plant package of claim 14 wherein a release material is disposed upon the bonding material.

25. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the bonding material is disposed upon the tab and upon a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the body of the tubular sleeve.

26. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the tubular sleeve comprises a second tab connected to a portion of the body, the second tab having a free end connectable to another portion of the body.

27. The plant package of claim 14 wherein the detaching element comprises perforations, a score line, or a tear strip.